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FOR ANDREWS FROM MAGEE

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. CHANCERY SITZ. WE HAVE COMPLETED THE SPACE REQUIREMENTS FORM AND ARE SENDING IT TO A/FBO. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING THE RESULTS OF THE NSA/NPIC SURVEY, PLUS WHATEVER GUIDANCE THE DEPARTMENT MAY BE PREPARED TO OFFER AT THIS POINT.

2. POSSIBLE US NAVY SHIP VISIT. WE HAVE AN INDICATION THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS THAT A VISIT TO VARNA BY THE DESTROYER USS CHARLES F. ADAMS MAY BE IN THE WORKS. THE EMBASSY STRONGLY FAVORS SUCH A VISIT, WHICH WOULD MEET ONE OF OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. FOR A SUCCESSFUL SHIP VISIT WE WILL NEED CAREFUL PLANNING, AMPLE LEAD TIME AND GOOD COORDINATION WITH WASHINGTON. WE WILL COUNT ON EUR/EE TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH DOD ON THIS AND INSURE THAT THE EMBASSY IS KEPT FULLY INFORMED.

3. JOINT AGRICULTURAL STATEMENT; KRUSTEV VISIT. NOW THAT WE HAVZ THE GO-AHEAD TO NEGOTIATE THE STATEMENT, AMBASSADOR GARTHOFF HAS REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH DEPUTY MINISTER
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ISHPEKOV TO OPEN DISCUSSION OF DRAFT STATEMENT. AT THAT MEETING, AMBASSADOR WILL ALSO INQUIRE WHETHER WEEK OF JUNE 19 IS ACCEPTABLE FOR VISIT OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTER KRUSTEV TO US.

4. WE ARE A BIT PUZZLED BY GRIGOROV'S COMMENT TO VEST THAT THE BULGARIAN AGRICULTURAL WORKING GROUP WOULD ARRIVE IN

WASHINGTON ABOUT MAY 8. ASSUMING THIS IS THE GROUP REFERED TO IN THE DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT, WE THOUGHT ITS ACTIVITY WOULD ONLY BEGIN FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE STATEMENT. CAN YOU ENLIGHTEN US ABOUT THIS AGRICULTURAL WORKING GROUP AND THE PURPOSE OF ITS MAY VISIT?

5. DIVIDED FAMILY CASES. PER GLENN'S REQUEST, WE ARE SENDING BY CABLE A REVIEW OF CURRENT DIVIDED FAMILY CASES FOR THE DESK'S USE IN MEETINGS WITH BULGARIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

6. DAO'S INTEREST IN ADDITIONAL BILLET AUTHORIZING CIVILIAN SECRETARY. DIA HAS TURNED DOWN OUR DAO'S REQUEST FOR W PART-TIME UY CIVILIAN SECRETARY (WORKING WIFE). IN THE DISCUSSION. DAO RAISED SOMEWHAT PREMATURELY THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDING A FULL-TIME SECRETARY TO ITS STAFF. IN CASE DOD SHOULD RAISE THYIY MATTER WITH STATE AT SOME POINT, WE WANTED YOU TO BE AWARE OF AMBASSADOR'S POSITION: HE HAS NO OBJECTION TO A PART-TIME WORKING WIFE, BUT DOES NOT RPT NOT AGREE TO ADDITION OF A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE.

7. GLENN'S RECENT LETTERS AND OTHER MATERIAL, SUCH AS BRIEFING MEMO FOR LUERS-GRIGOROV MEETING, HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL. KEEP IT UP. ESTABLISHMENT OF THESE "OFFICIAL-INFORMAL" CABLES IS ALSO VERY USEFUL.

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